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## **Section 7**

Removal of the Ash tree identified in the attached photographs and as indicated on the included plan is to be undertaken.

The tree has been infected with Ash dieback (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*) and has been totally defoliated and appears at present to be effectively destroyed. Some level of recovery could take place in the spring but the tree is considered to have been effectively destroyed.

It is also in very close proximity to the boundary wall in an elevated position where it would be expected to cause displacement of the structure by incremental growth of roots and stems. Such action may already be occurring but due to the presence of ivy and other items access and visibility is also restricted.

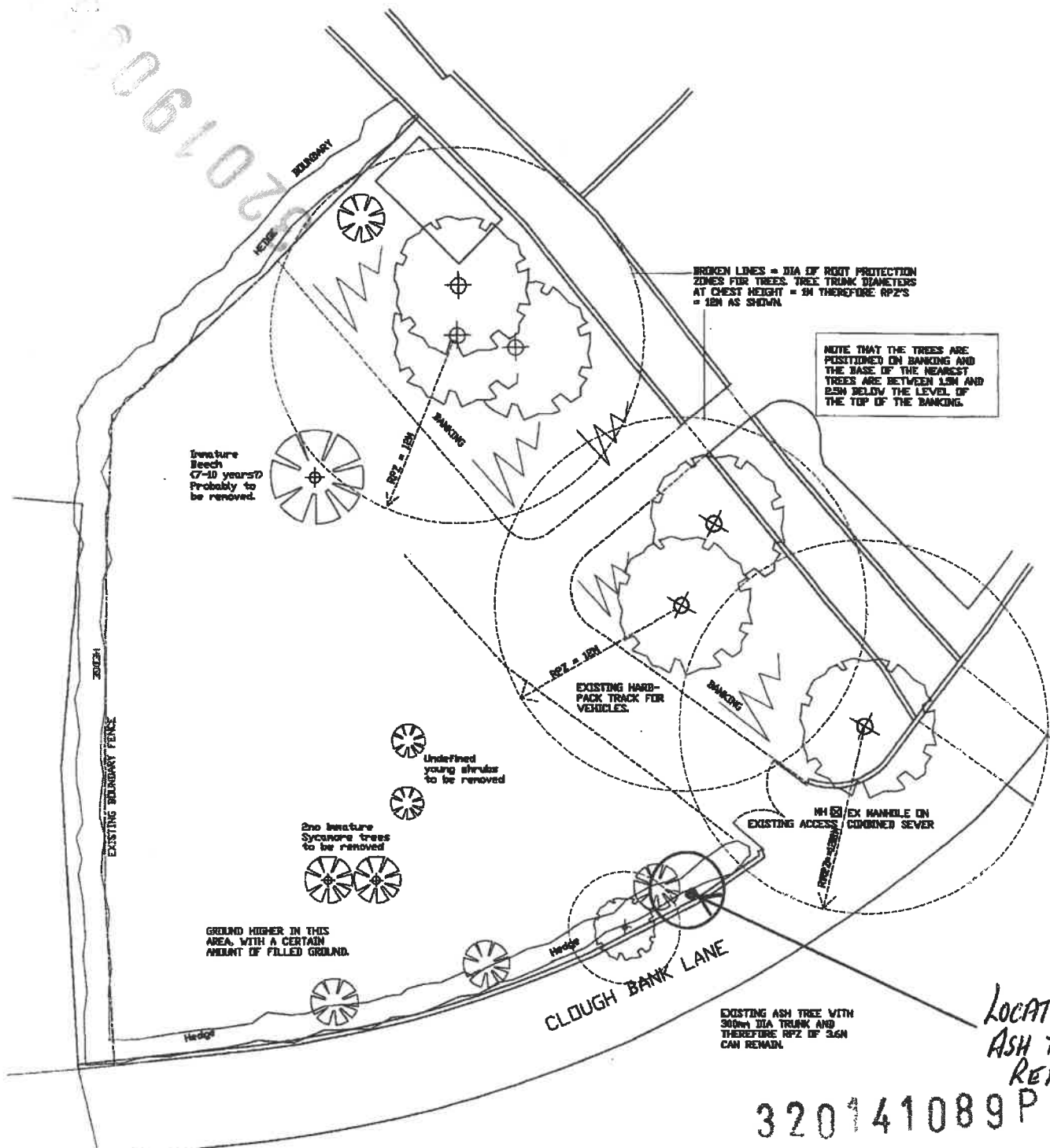
An additional problem is that statutory undertakers – Electricity suppliers require to run a cable from the gate to a junction box to the east of the tree which would necessitate excavating through the expected root protection area of this item.

Although hand digging may be considered possible, however the raised levels within the site as compared to levels to the far side of the wall and the gateway necessitates a deep trench which could not be reasonably excavated manually.

Upon completion of the approved construction within the site the owner proposes to landscape the area for screening and amenity and will insert new trees and shrubs along the boundary – but at an acceptable distance! Such actions will replace the diseased Ash and ensure a mixed age category and species selection is established to perpetuate the character of the local environment.



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BROKEN LINES = DIA OF ROOT PROTECTION ZONES FOR TREES. TREE TRUNK DIAMETERS AT CHEST HEIGHT = 50 THEREFORE RPZ'S = 12M AS SHOWN

NOTE THAT THE TREES ARE POSITIONED ON BANKING AND THE BASE OF THE NEAREST TREES ARE BETWEEN 1.5M AND 2.5M BELOW THE LEVEL OF THE TOP OF THE BANKING.

LOCATION OF ASH TO BE REMOVED.

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Title		SITE PLAN AS EXISTING			
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Ash tree to be removed is item to left of the two defoliated trees – without ivy extending up into the crown.



Base of Ash to be removed – multi stemmed from ground level indicating coppice type habit. Very close to / touching wall.

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